Dean Urges:

Step Up Forest Research

PORT ALBERNI — More and more research into forestry practices was recommended by Dean George S. Allen of the UBC forestry faculty when he was guest speaker at the annual meeting of Port Alberni and District Chamber of Commerce.

He advised the public to promote the idea of economic research in an effort to solve world marketing problems.

BLOOD STREAM

"Seventy five per cent of B.C.'s forest products go out of the province and their export is our economic blood stream," he said.

In theory, the province's forest management licence plan is good, he said. However, one can understand a reluctance to enter long term investment in an industry with so many unknown factors.

GROW AT LOSS

The private owner and the man with a management licence is apt to find that standing timber is worthless, he said. "If we load our timber with costs of roads and recreation no one but the government will grow timber, and it will grow it at a loss."

Faller's Death Accident

CAMPBELL RIVER—Inquest was held here yesterday into death of Ossian Johnson, a faller killed at Russell Logging, Boughey Bay, Port Neville, and a verdict of accidental death with no blame, was returned.

Dr. John Graham said death was due to a compound fracture of the skull and a broken neck.

John Frome said a tree Johnson was falling dislodged a large splinter from a tall snag, and it hit Johnson.

Canada's first postage stamp, issued in 1851, was a three-penny issue with a picture of a beaver.

$2,200 Award

John David Cheeke, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cheeke, Old Victoria Road, Cobble Hill, has been awarded a $2,200 National Research council studentship in engineering physics. He is a graduate of University School and Canadian Services College and will graduate from UBC this spring.

Ocean Shift, Fish 'Gift'

NANAIMO—A shift in ocean currents can mean $1,000,000 one way or the other to Canadian fishermen, Dr. J. P. Tully of the Pacific Biological Station, said here.

He told the Junior Chamber of Commerce the intrusion of a warm water mass into an area formerly occupied by cold water in the Pacific Ocean has meant, in two past salmon runs, millions of additional dollars to Canadian fishermen.

"Over $6,000,000 was gained by this latest warm water intrusion," he said.

This caused the Sockeye salmon to divert their course northward, and instead of going through American waters to reach the Fraser, they went around the north end of Vancouver Island, where the water was colder, he said.

Primary cause of this shift in water temperature was due to the wind systems which sweep across the Pacific, said Dr. Tully.

School Zone Speeder Fined

NANAIMO — Mrs. Ida Melinda Higgs of Cedar was fined $20 for speeding in a school zone. Court was told she was doing 50 through the 15 zone, and three children were at the side of the road.

Mrs. Higgs said she was not going more than 40. It was her first conviction in 31 years of driving.

Somenos Drainage District Takes Steps to Disband

DUNCAN—Annual meeting of the Somenos drainage district has voted unanimously to take the first steps toward legal disincorporation, which might leave several miles of drainage ditch and 600 acres of arable land with no maintenance.

Critics called the present scheme "unworkable and unfair" and said a few taxpayers were likely to be "paying forever" unless they were legally released.

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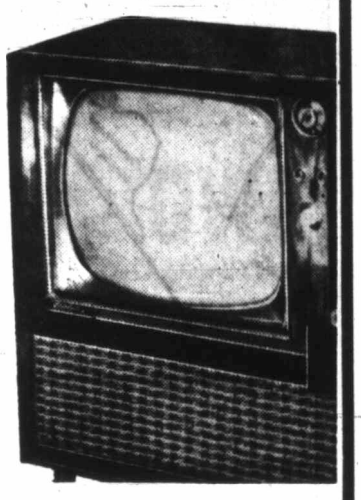

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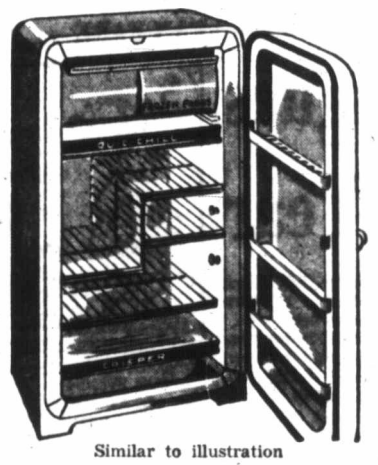

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